

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty-five years ago on March 1, 1953, William Edwin "Bill" Richard took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Ann Hudson, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Louisiana, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bill and Betty Richard have had the pleasure of raising two children, Debbie Pederson and Jack Richard, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren, Brian Pederson, Derek Pederson, Cody Richard, and Carly Richard; and

Whereas, a member of the Pike County Democrat Club and Masonic Lodge AF&M in Louisiana, Bill Richard is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a pipe fitter with Pipe Fitter's Local Union 562, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Betty Richard has further distinguished herself as a member of the Pike County Democrat Club; and

Whereas, Bill and Betty Richard have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, residents of Bowling Green, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 2, 2008, at Crystal's in Bowling Green:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bill and Betty Richard for their tremendous success in achieving fifty-five years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. William Edwin Richard.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker